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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Correspondents keep on telling
Just what they do not know,
About the hunt for Villa
Way down in Mexico.

R. A. Cook and R. A. Figg were
sworn in as Republican members of
the Board of Control Wednesday.

Gen. Joseph Simeon Gallieni, the
aged French minister of war, has re-
signed because of ill health and Gen.
Charles Roque has been appointed to
succeed him.

Lieut. E. M. Zell, who committed
suicide at Columbus, N. M., was a
football star at West Point. He leaves
a wife and two children at Chatta-
nooga, which place he left last Sun-
day.

Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day
and green was everywhere in evi-
dence. Ties, ribbons and shamrocks
were seen on every hand. Even the
one cent postage stamps sold by Post-
master Moseley were green.

The Athenaeum Program Committee
is at work on the May banquet pro-
gram, which will include three of the
best after-dinner speakers in the
society, J. T. Hanbery, Geo. E. Gary
and T. C. Underwood. Others have
not been selected.

Those best informed say Villa has
no intention of fighting the United
States. He will disband his men and
personally seek refuge in the hills
with only a few trusted companions
and can only be captured with a "sil-
ver bullet," when a price is placed on
his head high enough to make it worth
while to "turn him up."

TENDENCY IS UPWARD

In Tobacco Prices This Week
With Sales Falling
Off.

BIGGEST RUSH IS NOW OVER
Receipts Fall Under A Million
Pounds, First Time For
Several Weeks.

There was a considerable falling off
in tobacco sales this week, due to
the bad weather and the further fact
that the roads are almost impassable
where there are no pikes.

The supply also is growing less un-
der the deliveries of the last six weeks,
averaging more than a million a week.

Prices showed a perceptible in-
crease, averaging 29 cents above the
season's average and well above the
dark tobacco average of 5.38 for the
entire state during February.

On the whole, conditions are more
favorable in every way.

Week ending Mar. 16, 1916. Unsold
stock Jan. 1, 1916, 237 hogsheads.

Receipts for week.....	3 Hhds.
Receipts for year.....	24 Hhds.
Sales for week.....	6 Hhds.
Sales for year.....	151 Hhds.

LOOSE FLOORS.

Sales week.....	58,835 lbs.
Sales for season.....	8,824,310 lbs.
Sales for same date	

1915.....	6,320,45 lbs.
Average for this week.....	\$5.69
Average for this season.....	\$5.40

Market higher on all grades.

H. H. ABERNATHY,
Secretary.

The schedule of the prices for the
week was as follows:

Trash	\$2.50 to \$3.75
Lugs	\$4.00 " \$5.75
Com Leaf	\$5.00 to \$8.50
Med Leaf	\$7.00 to \$9.50
Good Leaf	\$9.00 to \$12.50

MRS. JNO. G. JEFFERSON.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jefferson, widow
of Jno. G. Jefferson, died in Cadiz
Monday, aged 76.

A SILVER BULLET NOW

Is What Is Needed To Catch
The Wary Bandit
Villa

HE IS HIDING IN THE HILLS

Washington Has No News and
Does Not Expect Any Soon
---Mexico Generally Quiet.

Washington, March 17.—An im-
penetrable wall of secrecy surround-
ed tonight the movement of troops
beyond the Mexican border. So far
as official Washington was advised,
the columns virtually might have van-
ished into thin air when they crossed
the international boundary yesterday
in pursuit of Villa. Even the com-
mander-in-chief, President Wilson,
did not know where Gen. Pershing's
men were.

Secretary Baker received virtually
no reports from Gen. Funston dealing
with events beyond the borders. Late
today he said he did not know whether
troops had proceeded southward
from their first bivouac on Mexican
soil last night. Not a single dispatch
from the border was made public
during the day except one reporting
the death of Lieut. Zell, Eleventh
cavalry, at the Columbus hospital,
where he took his own life in a fit of
despondency.

VILLA FAR TO THE SOUTH.

Army officials were convinced that
more important developments were to
be expected for several days. It
seemed plain from the day's accumu-
lation of rumors that Villa was far to
the south of his American pursuers.
The war department would not dis-
close any details of the number of
troops across the border or of the
regiments sent. Press advices, how-
ever, showed that infantry accom-
panied the cavalry and artillery out
of Columbus in the main column.
That means slow progress across the
desert. It will take days, it is said,
to cover the distance to Galena, the
town where Villa was reported un-
officially to have been seen.

American consuls in Mexico so far
have been able to give little aid to the
troops, although all are on watch for
information that might indicate the
bandit's movements. Consular ad-
vices today continued to report gen-
erally quiet conditions. Officials dis-
played some concern over the situation
in the Tampico district, however,
where there were signs of unrest.

KENTUCKY SENT TO VERA CRUZ

The battleship Kentucky was or-
dered back to Vera Cruz from New
Orleans, Secretary Daniels explaining
that naval vessels now on the coast
did not have radio equipment power-
ful enough to insure uninterrupted
communication with Washington.
With the Kentucky at Vera Cruz, re-
ports from smaller vessels along the
coast can be quickly relayed to Key
West and Arlington.

OPEN SEASON FOR BANDITS

Now Lawful To Hunt Villa
and His Gang In
Mexico.

The United States expeditionary
force, consisting of about 4,000 men
under Gen. Pershing, crossed the
Mexican border at noon Wednesday
and began the campaign which, it has
been ordered, must end in the exter-
mination of Villa. Co-operation or-
dered officially by Carranza through
his Minister of War, Gen. Obregon,
was shown by the first defection troops
which the Americans encountered.

Troops from other posts to take the
place of those sent into Mexico
reached the border and according to
army officers will be ready at any
time to follow their comrades into the
Southern republic.

Kentucky and Pennsylvania pro-
duce nearly all the canal coal mined
in the United States.

Vote The \$400,000 Bond Issue To-day.

ENDED HIS OWN LIFE CLEAR FOR DEFENSE PLANS

John B. Russell In Despondency
Over Ill Health Shoots
Himself.

DEATH WAS INSTANTANEOUS
Prominent Attorney, 41 Years
Old and Was Unmar-
ried.

At an early hour yesterday morn-
ing John B. Russell, a prominent at-
torney, committed suicide at the
home of his father, on South Main
street. He had not been well for
several days but was down in town
in the early part of the evening and
after going home sat in his father's
room until 9 o'clock, chatting as usu-
al. Noting the time, he remarked
that it was his father's bed time and
got up and went upstairs to his own
room.

About 6 o'clock yesterday morning
his father heard him walking about
and arose and unlocked a door to ad-
mit the cook to the house and went
back to bed as was his custom.
Shortly afterwards a pistol shot was
heard in the cellar. Getting up to
investigate Mr. Russell heard a groan
in the cellar and neighbors were
hastily called. Messrs. J. A. Brown-
ing and Harry Yost were the first to
reach the scene. Mr. Russell was
found dead in the cellar, to which he
had gone to take his life. Using a
shotgun he had sat down on the floor,
placed the gun between his legs and
shot himself in the mouth, tearing
away all of the left side of his face
and skull and making a horrible
wound that produced almost instant
death.

Mr. Russell was the oldest son of
Mr. Jas. D. Russell. He and his
father lived alone in the large Rus-
sell home. His mother died several
years ago. A brother, Jas. D. Rus-
sell, Jr., lives at Cushing, Okla., and
a sister, Mrs. A. P. Crockett, at
Oklahoma City. He was 41 years of
age and had for nearly 21 years been
a member of the Hopkinsville bar,
until quite recently the junior mem-
ber of the firm of Downer & Russell.
He was a fine lawyer, well equipped,
studious and with a preference for
office practice. He was the local at-
torney for the Tennessee Central
railroad and had long been a promi-
nent and successful attorney.

His aunt, who lives in Elkton, ar-

House May Pass By To-night
the Bill to Increase the
Army.

GIVES TEN HOURS TO DEBATE

Senate Hurrying Its Program
and Army Act May Be Up
to President in Month.

Washington, March 17.—Sweeping
aside intervening issues, congress has
set the stage for prompt action on the
defense measures urgently pressed
by President Wilson since the session
began.

The house voted unanimously for a
special rule under which the army in-
crease bill will be taken up today
with passage by Saturday night in
prospect. A ten-hour limit for gen-
eral debate was fixed, despite the fact
that the bill is the most far-reaching
military measure ever favorably re-
ported to the body.

The senate military committee com-
pleted its final review of the senate
army increase bill and it is in the
hands of the printer. Senator Cham-
berlain, with administration influence
behind him, will insist that it will
be taken up promptly, displacing the
water power bill now under consid-
eration unless the latter reaches a
vote in a few days.

MAY BE A LAW WITHIN MONTH.

Indications are that the joint con-
ference committee which will adjust
the two bills and frame the final mea-
sure will be at work within three
weeks. The legislative framework
of the army increase project may be
an accomplished fact within another
month.

Judge Breathitt Honored.

Judge James Breathitt, of this city,
was one of the trustees appointed by
Gov. Stanley as trustee of the State
University.

He died in a few hours. His brother
and sister will arrive from
Oklahoma to-night and the fune-
ral services will be probably
tomorrow afternoon, though the ar-
rangements had not been made yes-
terday. Mr. Russell was a member
of the Elks.

K-T. FAIR CIRCUIT

Important Step Taken To Bene-
fit Western Kentucky
Fairs.

PENNYROYAL FAIR AUGUST 27

President Cowherd Enthusiastic
Over Prospects For This
Year.



S. L. COWHERD.

President S. L. Cowherd, of the
Pennyroyal Fair Co., makes the im-
portant announcement that the fair
this year will be held a month earlier,
or the last week in August. The
definite dates are from Aug. 27 to
Sept. 2.

This decision was reached at a
meeting held at Guthrie when the
K-T. fair circuit was formed with
seven towns included. According to
the schedule they formally adopted at
that meeting the fairs will be held as
follows:

Adairville—Week of July 23-29.

Springfield—Week of July 30 to
August 5.

Gallatin—Week of August 6-12.

Franklin—Week of August 13-19.

Elkton—Week of August 20-26.

Hopkinsville—Week of August 27
to September 2.

Bowling Green—Week Sept. 3-9.

These dates are regarded as alto-
gether suitable in each town. Be-
ginning with Adairville the various
attractions, concessions and exhibits
could go from one fair to another
without long or costly jumps and
would be assured in this way of 7
continuous weeks of profitable busi-
ness. The setting of the dates ear-
lier in the year is also expected to in-
sure better weather for all the fairs.

The state fair at Louisville will be
held this year during the week of
September 11-17 so the K-T. circuit
schedule works right up to this.

The meeting at Guthrie was very
enthusiastic and was attended by C.
E. Gill and B. L. Penick, of Elkton;
C. H. Smith, of Bowling Green, G. H.
Jackson and J. A. Crowder, of Frank-
lin; and B. P. Eubanks, Holland Gar-
nett and S. L. Cowherd, of Christian
county.

When it came to choosing officers
C. E. Gill was elected as president
and Holland Garnett was made sec-
retary and treasurer. The committee
to draft bylaws and rules was com-
posed of S. L. Cowherd, C. H. Smith,
B. L. Penick and J. A. Crowder.
The committee reported and the by-
laws and rules were formally adopt-
ed. In these the object of the fair
circuit is to "increase the interest in
better livestock and general farm and
family products."

EYESORE REMOVED

Old Frame Warehouse on Four-
teenth Street Being Torn
Down.

Q. A. Elliott has sold the old ware-
house between L. M. Cayce and the
Pioneer Cemetery to Mr. Cayce, who
has in turn sold the building to Dalton
Brick Co., who will use the lumber
to rebuild their hay shed, recently
burned. Mr. Cayce will enclose the
grounds in his back lot. This re-
moves an unsightly old shed that has
been used of recent years for a to-
bacco barn.

FRENCH STILL HOLD FIRM

Verdun Defenses Have So Far
Proven Impregnable
Barrier.

MORE GERMAN SACRIFICES

Assault With Huge Effectives on
Le Mort Homme Repulsed
With Great Losses.

London, March 17.—Repulse at the
hands of the French again has been
the net result of a German infantry
attack launched with huge effectives
after a heavy bombardment against
French positions at Le Mort Homme,
northwest of Verdun. The Germans,
who attacked in serried masses, were
driven eastward toward the Bois des
Corbeaux, where the French guns in-
flicted heavy casualties on them.

Around Douaumont and the village
of Vaux the big guns are operating
with redoubled violence, while south-
ward in the Woevre the artillery
duels in the Meuse hills continue.

In the Argonne forest the French
guns are still shelling the German po-
sitions northwest of the road from
Varennes and German batteries near
Montfaucon.

The latest German official commu-
cation, making reference to French
attempts to "dispute our possession
of the height of Le Mort Homme,"
has brought forth a statement from
the French embassy at Washington
that the Germans never have gained
a footing on the hill, which the
French still hold.

Only engagements between patrols
have taken place on the Russian
front.

The Italians continue strongly on
the offensive against the Austrians
on the Isonzo front, especially on the
Podgora heights sector and southwest
of San Martino. On Podgora the
Italians entered the Austrian lines
but, according to Vienna, were re-
pulsed in vicious hand-to-hand fight-
ing.

Both Austrians and Italians lay
claim to successes around San Mar-
tino. The Austrians assert that an
Italian attack in this sector failed and
that the Italians left numerous dead
on the field.

The Italian official statement de-
clares that after artillery and mus-
ketry preparations the Austrians
launched two strong attacks and suc-
ceeded in reaching the edge of the
trenches taken from them recently
but were on each occasion repulsed,
leaving the ground covered with
dead.

Premier Asquith and other officers
were criticised at a large meeting in
London of married men who have
attested for service in the army.
Speakers declared there were still
2,000,000 men available and that the
married men would refuse to serve
until Premier Asquith redeemed his
pledge to bring out the single men be-
fore the others were called to the
colors.

The feeling of the meeting was in-
tensified by the reading of a letter
from Mr. Asquith declining to receive
a deputation representing the married
men on the ground that this was a
subject to be dealt with by parlia-
ment.

The meeting adopted by acclama-
tion resolutions demanding that all
proclamations calling up married men
be withdrawn.

NEW NO SCREEN LAW.

Section 3 of the bill says: "A
room, where intoxicating liquors are
sold by virtue of license issued under
the law of this State for selling
spiruous, vinous or malt liquors,
shall be so arranged either with win-
dows or glass doors, as that the whole
of said room may be in view from the
street, highway or any public pass-
way, hall or means of approach pass-
ing said rooms, and no blinds or other
obstructions shall be arranged,
erected or placed so as to prevent the
entire view of said room."